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PUBLIC HEARING
Public Safety and Security Committee
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To Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I am here today to **Support** these 4 bills:

SB 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF PISTOL AND REVOLVER SALES IN A BOUND BOOK.

HB 5096 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARMS EVIDENCE DATABANK.

HB 5245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

HB 5246 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERMIT TO SELL PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS

I am a law abiding gun owner in CT – I belong to many second amendment organizations including CT Citizen's Defense League and Jews For The Preservation Of Firearms Ownership. I am here today to support some common sense legislation that has come before this committee.

SB 196 will sensibly change the process of purchasing a handgun and reduce duplicative record keeping. This will help to allow gun sellers to pay more attention to the person they are selling pistols and revolvers to, instead of wasting time and effort on recording information for two separate entities. This way, the information can be kept according to Federal law and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection will be welcome to examine that information at any time. I think that makes perfect sense.

HB 5096 will revise the procedures for the submission of handguns and discharged ammunition to the firearms evidence databank. These updated procedures will allow for more meaningful and accurate collection of information and documentation of evidence. We all know that with computerized systems there is the old adage "garbage in – garbage out" and I feel these measures will help justice be served in trials and create a data collection system that will have integrity.

HB 5246 provides that a permit to sell pistols or revolvers authorizes the holder of such permit to also make sales at any meeting or exhibition of an organized collectors' group or any gun show. I think that if you have a proper permit to sell pistols or revolvers, then you ought to be able to sell them at gun shows, exhibitions and collectors' groups. These are law abiding citizens that we are talking about who are engaging in these activities. They should be free to make their sales at these venues.

HB 5245 will specify uniform criteria for an application for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver. It is about time that this bill be proposed and it should be passed. It is just ridiculous that we have such an inconsistent patchwork of requirements across CT, from town to town, with regard to permit applications. First of all, passing this legislation would help to insure that municipalities do not over step their authority with regard to State permit requirements which results in an unfair treatment of law abiding applicants. Too many towns ask for superfluous, and sometimes even irrelevant, information in the permit application process. This ends up costing taxpayers money in the time it takes to process a permit application, and also making the permit application process a longer, and in some cases costlier, procedure than is required of the applicant by state law. This legislation will go a long way to saving our municipalities time and money because they will only have to require what this legislation requires of permit applicants. It will also insure a consistent and fair permitting process across the state.

Please support these important and sensible bills.
Thank You For Your Time,
Judy Aron